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It is but natural for the Democratic party to oppose the building up of the American marine. It will be recalled that the Democratic party claimed that American tinplate was an impossibility.

The Democrats of the District of Columbia want the Hon. WILLIAM SULZER for Vice-President. The Democrats of the District of Columbia are not the least bit extravagant in their wants.

Does anybody know of a piece of general legislation proposed or promoted by Mr. BRYAN? The gentleman from Nebraska served in Congress for two terms and put in his entire time talking for publication.

The Republican "clean sweeps" in the Mississippi Valley do not indicate a revolt because the Republicans in Congress have not adopted Free-trade with Porto Rico to suit the Democrats and establish a dangerous precedent.

The learned Detectives have now found an entirely new man who killed GOEBEL—"one whose name has never before been mentioned." If Republicans and that \$100,000 holds out, the Jail capacity at Frankfort will have to be increased.

NEW JERSEY'S bank depositors increased in number from 137,897 in 1894 to 177,739 in 1899, a gain of almost 30%. The amount of deposits increased from \$34,266,298 in 1894 to \$48,852,873 last year, a gain of more than 40%. McKinley Prosperity has been a pretty good thing for New Jersey.

The House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries has filed an exhaustive and valuable report in favor of the pending Shipping Bill. Its prompt passage will increase the demand for iron, steel and many other American manufactures, besides making us as independent in the delivery of our goods as we are supreme in making them.

The United States is now the world's greatest producer and exporter of meats, which form one of the most important features of our export trade. In 1887 the total exportation of provisions and live animals was \$102,774,910, and in 1899 their total was \$237,105,637, having thus doubled meantime, and forming in 1899 17.2% of the total exports of that year. And all this under a Protective Tariff.

The Republicans of Lewis in their county Convention heartily indorsed the course of State Senator WILLIAM H. COX in the trying times at Frankfort last winter. The resolution entire follows:

"We approve and indorse the acts of our State Senator and Representative in the late General Assembly of Kentucky, HON. WILLIAM H. COX and HON. JAMES COOPER, and we commend them to the gratitude and esteem of their constituents and especially of their fellow-Republicans in this Legislative and Senatorial District."

When the Hon. JOSEPH WELDON BAILEY, the former leader of the Democracy, first arrived in Congress he insisted upon the Sergeant-at-Arms deducting from his salary for those days upon which he was absent. Now, this Democratic statesman who makes a specialty of the Constitution and glories in being better than his colleagues, can go off on a campaigning tour for a seat in the Senate and draw his Congressional salary without doing his conscience the least bit of violence. The Hon. JOSEPH WELDON BAILEY as a reformer is sadly lacking in staying powers.

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"The conditions" now remind me of the conditions in 1892 more than any other time I have ever seen."—Senator J. K. Jones, Chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

Senator JONES is correct. There has never been such prosperity in the United States since 1892 as in 1899-1900. It would be a mistake to make any change now, as was done then. Wage-earners do not want four years of enforced idleness again.

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NEWS IN KENTUCKY.

LIEUTENANT GIBSON WON.

Remarkably Fast Time Made in the Twenty-Sixth Kentucky Derby at Louisville.

Louisville, Ky., May 4.—Lieutenant Gibson won the 26th Kentucky Derby in 2:06 1/4, taking three-quarters of a second off the track record for one mile and a quarter. The race itself was in some respects a disappointment. The sensational work in the trials of the various candidates within the past week had given rise to the belief that the rawhide and steel would be pried vigorously during the last eighth of the journey in the big event. The promised finish failed to materialize but for one reason—Lieutenant Gibson was so far superior to his field that they could not make a race of it.

The Derby was the fourth event on the card, and when the entries were finally posted it was found that Orontes and Boulder had been scratched, leaving seven of the best colts in the west to contend for the honor. Kentucky Farmer, Lieutenant Gibson, His Excellency, Highland Land, Florizor, Thrive and Hindus came out on the track in the order named, and each was in turn cheered as he paraded in front of the stand.

Starter Chim had but little trouble in getting them away, all closely bunched. Before the first quarter was reached Lieutenant Gibson had taken the lead and maintained it to the finish, passing under the wire winner by two lengths of daylight without having been touched. Florizor was second, half a length in front of Thrive, who was a length in front of Highland Land, while His Excellency, Kentucky Farmer and Hindus were strung out in the order named. There were 20,000 spectators present.

FOREST FIRES.

A Vast Amount of Valuable Timber is Being Destroyed in the Mountain Districts.

Lexington, Ky., May 4.—Fire is destroying thousands of dollars' worth of property throughout the mountains of Eastern Kentucky. At Chimney Top, a point near Natural Bridge, in Wolfe county, the Clay City Lumber Co. has lost several hundred logs and many hundred cross-ties during the past week, and the flames are still raging.

On the Red River & Beattyville Southern railroad, the Lexington & Eastern Railroad Co. has some 20,000 cross-ties, about 700 of which have been burned, and there is still danger of further ravages.

No Desire to Enter the Race. Richmond, Ky., May 4.—Ex-Gov. James B. McCreary, of this city, who since the death of Senator Goebel has received scores upon scores of letters and appeals from democrats all over the state to make the race for governor this fall, is quoted by the Richmond Climax, his home organ, as saying that he has no desire whatever to again occupy the executive chair at Frankfort, and it is improbable that he will yield to these overtures and enter the contest.

Franchise Not Exclusive. Lawrenceburg, Ky., May 4.—The case of the East Tennessee Telephone Co. vs. the Anderson County Telephone Co. was decided in favor of the defendant. The new company seeks to establish its plant in this city in opposition to the East Tennessee Co. and secured a complete victory. The old company claimed an exclusive franchise.

Knocked Out in the Fifth Round. Louisville, Ky., May 4.—Eddie Farney, of Chicago, was knocked out in the fifth round by Oscar Gardner before the Nonpareil Athletic club in the presence of a crowd that packed Madison Mall. Sporting men from all parts of the country, who are here in attendance at the races, saw the bout. George Siler, of Chicago, refereed the fight.

Fugitive Recaptured. Owensboro, Ky., May 4.—John W. Jernigan, who escaped from the Greenville jail with two others last August, where he was held on a charge of criminal assault on his 15-year-old daughter, was captured in this place. He remarked that if they would hold him for 24 hours he would say his way out of jail.

Young Society Man Snatched. Louisville, Ky., May 4.—Joseph W. Morey, a prominent young society man and athlete, of this city, and for several years cashier for a large local wholesale hardware firm, committed suicide by shooting himself through the breast and turning on four gas jets at his home. The motive for the suicide is unknown.

Shot Himself Twice. Louisville, Ky., May 4.—Joe Morey, assistant cashier of W. H. Belknap & Co., was found in his residence with two bullet holes above his heart. He can not recover. Investigation shows that he was short in his accounts. Two years ago he married Miss Robby, a society belle.

Robbers Use Nitroglycerine. Lewisburg, Ky., May 4.—Robbers broke into the L. & N. depot and P. L. Marshall's store, blowing open the safe in each place with nitroglycerine. They secured 75 cents in pennies in one place and about \$2.50 in old and new coins in the other.

Residence Burned. Cynthia, Ky., May 4.—The residence of Frank McKee, five miles east of here, was totally destroyed by a fire of unknown origin. Loss, \$3,000; insurance, \$1,000.

If you know an item kindly tell us about it. Every day we tell you what we know. Every day we know that you know things that we don't know. And we know that you know that we don't know it, and still you don't tell us. Now, if you tell us what you know then we'll tell what we know and also what you know, and then our readers will know what they know and what we know and also what you know, and what you know that you know we know you know.

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WILL LAST A YEAR COFFEINS SCARCE. MOVING SLOWLY.

Lawyers Predict That the Suspect Trials Will Remain in Court a Long Time.

THE FIRST WILL BE TRIED IN JULY.

A Special Term of Court Will Be Called in Scott County on the Second Monday of That Month.

William H. Culton's Testimony Not as Sensational as It Was the First Day—Several Other Witnesses Were Examined.

Frankfort, Ky., May 4.—The second day of the hearing in the application for bail for Wm. H. Culton, the defendant who gave such startling testimony the first day, ended with the case unfinished. Culton resumed the witness box and continued on the stand till nearly noon. He was on the stand a little over five hours in all.

In the afternoon Judge Cantrell announced that, as the counsel had failed to agree as to a date for the trials of Powers, Whittaker, Davis and Combs, venued to Scott county, he would call a special term of the court in that county, to begin the second Monday of that month. Both sides had stated that they could not get ready for trial at the term which begins next Monday. They also could not get an agreement as to the date, should go on trial first, the commonwealth declining to elect at that term. Judge Cantrell said that on the first day of the special term, the cases transferred will be called and assigned on hearing, but that it will doubtless be impossible to finish up more than one or two, owing to the late term. The examination, however, will be held, in the opinion of the lawyers, will string out during the greater part of the next 100 days.

The most important testimony brought out in the afternoon was that of two of the physicians who assisted in the autopsy on the body of Senator Goebel. Dr. E. E. Welch of Jessamine county, a state senator, who was also one of Goebel's physicians, conducted the autopsy, assisted by Drs. E. E. Hummel and E. E. Ely. All agreed that the bullet entered Mr. Goebel's body from the front.

Dr. M. M. Woodson, a civil engineer who made the measurements in the state house yard, exhibited a map showing the yard and buildings, trees and other things on it, and the streets adjacent. The map, which was cut out of a hackberry tree near where Mr. Goebel fell, and which is one supposed to have passed through his body, was produced in court. It has been in the custody of the prosecuting attorney, locked up in a bank vault since that day it was found. The demonstrations on the map made by the witness were for the purpose of showing that the shot was fired from the office of the secretary of state, this being the deduction made from it.

It is understood that the Beckhards, who have been in the charge of the jail and court house, for a little over a month, will evacuate next week, probably as early as Monday. The prisoners whose cases have been transferred for trial will be removed to Georgetown next week and the authorities say there will be no necessity for troops after that.

ORGANIZATION PROSPEROUS.

Second Annual Convention of the National Hardwood Lumber Association.

Cincinnati, O., May 4.—The second annual convention of the National Hardwood Lumber Association convened here today with about 200 members present, including the representatives of different states and other organizations which have been holding auxiliary meetings here the past two days. The reports of the president, secretary, treasurer, directors and committees showed the organization to be very prosperous and the past year to have been an exceptionally good one.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, W. A. Bennett, Cincinnati; vice president, P. H. Smith, St. Louis; W. H. Russe, Memphis; and W. H. White, Boyne City, Mich.; secretary, Allen R. Vinnette, Chicago; treasurer, George O'Hara, Cairo, Ill. One delegate from each of the lumber states was selected.

Deaths of Soldiers in Cuba.

Washington, May 4.—The following death report was received at the war department from the military authorities: "Santiago province, San Luis, Wm. Kelly, formerly quartermaster employee, acute alcoholism; Barcelona, Octav Arnold, private hospital corps, septicaemia; Puerto Principe, Packer A. Staley, at El Rincon, while on scout duty, supposed blood poisoning, the result of landing a bull on his back."

Catholics Will Not Parade.

St. Louis, May 4.—The Irish-American Catholic parade union has decided not to take part in the Dewey parade on Saturday, the parade is intended. The intention was to have had 4,000 men in line, but this has been abandoned. No reason is given for this action.

Adm. Dewey in St. Louis.

St. Louis, May 4.—Amid the firing of cannon, the shrieking of whistles and the buzz of a vast concourse of enthusiastic people, Adm. Dewey became the guest of the city of St. Louis.

Impossible to Properly Bury the Dead Victims of the Mine Disaster in Utah.

CREMATION MAY BE RESORTED TO.

Many of the Bodies Are Rapidly Decomposing Adding to the Horror of the Situation.

It is Now Thought That the Number of Dead Will Not Exceed 250—Relief Work Is Being Kept Up Night and Day.

Salt Lake, Utah, May 4.—The latest dispatches from Schofield say that the extreme estimate of dead are now conceded to have been too large, and that it is surgically impossible to place the loss of life at 200, as there were not that many men in the mines. The probabilities are that 250 will be about the total number of dead.

The body of Tom Brogdon, of North Lawrence, O., was recovered. There are not enough coffins in the camp to bury the dead, and to add horror to the situation, the bodies are rapidly decomposing, and it has been suggested that cremation may have to be resorted to. There are 50 bodies for which no provision for burial has been made.

A joint committee of Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias spent the day among the dead, identifying members of their orders. They found about 20 of each order among the dead. The school children in this city have gathered a car load of flowers, which will be sent to Schofield, Superintendent Wells having placed a special car at the disposal of the ladies for that purpose.

Subscriptions for the relief of the sufferers are coming in from all over the state, and the total now amounts to \$15,000. The special committee appointed by Mayor Thompson to receive subscriptions for the relief fund and organized by electing the following officers: President, J. E. Dooley; treasurer, A. L. Thomas; secretary, William Igleheart.

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NEWSPAPERS PROTEST.

Congress Will Be Asked to Inquire Into the Present High Prices of Blank Paper.

Washington, May 4.—Representatives of the American Publishers' association presented a memorial to the senate finance committee today asking that some relief be afforded on account of the higher price of paper. The delegation said the association represented 25,000 papers. No particular legislation was advocated.

The delegation was received by Senator Allison, acting chairman, in the committee of Senate Affairs. The resolution recited that the price of printing paper used by newspapers has increased from 60 to 100 per cent, without reason or fault on the part of the conditions of the industry, which was believed to be the working of a trust.

The association appealed to congress to inquire into the conditions complained of, to the end that suitable legislation might be provided to remedy these conditions. As newspaper publishers are not paid the increased cost of the paper on the consumer, and the result of the increased cost means the co-optation of profits, and in others it creates actual loss.

Hawaiian Officers Selected.

Washington, May 4.—A number of nominations for important places in Hawaii will be made soon, possibly before the close of the present week. President Dewey has been definitely decided upon as the new governor, and Morris M. Estes, of California, as judge of the United States district court for the district embracing all the Hawaiian islands. The governor of Illinois has been selected for marshal of the islands. Several other names are under favorable consideration for other offices.

Towboat Sunk.

Helena, Ark., May 4.—The towboat John K. Graves sank in 19 feet of water off Moon's Landing. Fireman Fred Danvers, of Paducah, Ky., and two Negro women could not be rescued. Engineer Falvey rescued his wife by swimming with her to a lifeboat that had sunk from under her deck.

Held Made to Test a Law.

New York, May 4.—Inspector Thompson raided the Broadway Athletic club, and Manager George Athlete and two pugilists, Kid Thomas and William John, were arrested. The charge is conducting a boxing contest without a license. A test case will be made.

Iowa for Bryan.

Des Moines, Iowa, May 4.—The Iowa democratic convention selected delegates-at-large to the Kansas city convention. At the Kansas city convention, Charles A. Walsh, John S. Murphy and George Baker. They were instructed for Bryan.

British Forces Are Making Some Advancement in the Thaba N'Chu District.

FIFTY THOUSAND MEN ARE OPERATING.

The Advancing Lines Cover a Frontage of Forty Miles in a Very Rugged Country.

The Boers Are in Sufficient Force to Compel the British to Proceed With Caution—No News From Kimberley.

London, May 4.—Gen. Broadwood's cavalry brigade has reached Isabelfontein, 28 miles north of Thaba N'Chu; Gen. Bullen's division is at Jacobsdal, 15 miles north of Thaba N'Chu; Gen. Tucker's division is moving eastward from Kareriding; the British are now in the Thaba N'Chu district and in near Thaba N'Chu. Thus Lord Roberts has 50,000 men operating clear of the railway along a front of 40 miles. He is advancing slowly with some success, but nothing decisive. Yet at all points of concentration the Boers appear in force sufficient to compel the British to proceed with caution. Their wide front in a rugged country makes turning movements difficult.

The Boers have been captured by the British by a combined movement of Col. Tucker's and Gen. Pole-Carew's divisions on the east and center and Gen. Bullen's mounted infantry on the west. The British surprised the Boers, who retreated hastily. Four thousand of the enemy had moved here in order to oppose our advance. Col. Tucker's artillery had a sharp duel with the enemy's guns and put two of them out of action.

The Boers, Winston Churchill says, have lost the total number of cattle and flocks of sheep gathered in the south-east. These they are driving northward. Observers at headquarters in Bloemfontein seem to think that the Boers are preparing to evacuate Brandfort and Ladybrand.

The Boers still holding the Thaba N'Chu district are estimated at 4,000. They have among their guns a 40-pounder. One correspondent, writing from Bloemfontein, Wednesday, 11:55 p. m., said the British hoped to cut off the whole commando.

The correspondents at Kimberley are confident that the Boers will be driven out of the district in a few days, the deduction being that a forward movement is under way there. The Boers in Natal are restless. Two hundred crossed Sunday's river Wednesday and tried to engage the British outposts.

FREE HOME BILL PASSED.

A Measure Which Has Been Pending in Congress for Years Finally Disposed of.

Washington, May 4.—The house without division passed the "free home" bill which has been pending before congress for a number of years. The bill provides that the government shall issue patents to actual, bona fide settlers on agricultural lands of Indian reservations upon settlement. These lands were taken up by settlers who contracted to pay \$1.25 to \$3.75 per acre for them. By the terms of the bill the government assumed the payment of the purchase price to the Indians and changes the existing law relative to agricultural allotments. As no payment of the endowments, which heretofore have come out of the sale of public lands in case of deficiency. These payments are in \$200,000 annually. Of the 29,000 acres in Indian reservations opened to settlement for which the government is to pay or has paid \$5,000,000, about \$500,000 acres have been taken and about 2,000,000 are supposed to be still available for agricultural purposes.

A remarkable thing in connection with the passage of the bill was a speech in its favor by Galusha A. Grow, of Pennsylvania, the venerable ex-speaker of the house, who 45 years ago fathered and passed the original homestead bill. He was then the youngest and is now the oldest member of the house.

The remainder of the day was devoted to the sundry civil appropriation bill, the last but one of the great supply bills.

Capt. Geo. Ritchey Dead.

Leavenworth, Kan., May 4.—Capt. George Ritchey died at the soldiers' home at Ft. Leavenworth. He was a native of Illinois, 40 years of age, and served through the civil war at the head of the 168th Ohio volunteers. He was formerly receiver of the land office at Leavenworth, Mo., and later postmaster at Leavenworth. Capt. Ritchey was the son of Congressman Thomas Ritchey, who named Gen. Philip Sheridan as an ancestor for War Point.

Declined an Appointment.

Washington, May 4.—The attorney general has received a letter from Frank Bergen, of Elizabeth, N. J., declining an appointment as chief justice of Porto Rico. It is learned that no other name has been considered for this place.

Passenger Train Derailed.

Great Falls, Mont., May 4.—The through passenger train from the east on the Great Northern railroad was thrown from the track in the early hours of the morning. The train was badly shaken up, but no serious damage was done.

POST OFFICE APPROPRIATION.

The Senate Committee Restores the Amount Intended for the Pneumatic Tube Service.

Washington, May 4.—The senate committee on post offices and post roads completed the post office appropriation bill and Chairman Wolcott will report it to the senate. The net increase in the bill is about \$1,000,000, which includes the restoration of the provision for the pneumatic tube service first reported by the house committee. It provides \$225,000 for construction of the present routes and adds \$500,000 for extension of the service to other cities in addition to those where it has been in use.

The following amendment has been made to the provision relating to letter carriers: "Provided, that letter carriers may be required to work as early as practically only eight hours on each working day, but not in any event exceeding 48 hours during the six working days of each week; and that number of hours on Sunday, not exceeding eight, as may be required by the needs of the service; and if a legal holiday shall occur on any working day, the number of hours on said day, if less than eight hours, shall be counted as eight hours without regard to the time actually employed on the floor."

The vote in the committee on the pneumatic tube item was 7 to 3. Chairman Wolcott told the committee that when the provision was reached in the senate a member favoring the pneumatic tube service could take charge of the bill, as he would oppose it on the floor.

Court-Martial Cases Reported.

Washington, May 4.—Three more court-martial cases have been reported to the war department by Gen. Johnston, 9th infantry, convicted of drunkenness and sentenced to dismissal; First Lieut. T. R. J. Campbell, 17th infantry, convicted of desertion, sentenced to the penitentiary for 10 years; and a private, convicted of desertion, sentenced to the penitentiary for 10 years.

An American Arrested.

London, May 4.—The Standard and Diggers' News says that Thos. Richards, an American, has been arrested as a suspect in connection with the Begbie factory explosion at Johannesburg. He was arraigned, charged with murder and remained for a further hearing. The accused man, it was added, was not defended.

Condolence From France.

Washington, May 4.—The French ambassador called on President McKinley and Secretary Hay and conveyed the condolences of the president of the French republic to the president of the United States over the death of President McKinley.

Restriking Prison-Made Goods.

Washington, May 4.—The bill restricting trade in prison-made goods was discussed by the house committee on labor and an informal agreement was reached to amend the bill so that it will be in line with the laws of the states into which they were shipped.

Rebels Are Successful.

Kingston, Jamaica, May 4.—News brought by the British steamer Port Antonio, which is to reach here today, that the rebels are getting the best of the fight in that republic, and that they are momentarily expected to enter the harbor of Port Antonio.

Porto Rico's Finances.

Washington, May 4.—The Porto Rico treasury starts out with a comfortable balance to the credit of the treasury, and the government has \$25,000,000 turned over to J. H. Hollander, the newly appointed treasurer of Porto Rico.

University Member Elected.

London, May 4.—Sir John Lubbock, vice president of the Royal College of Physicians, of Edinburgh, has been elected to represent the university of Edinburgh at the congress of the League of Nations.

Argentine Congress Opened.

Washington, May 4.—Senator del Valle, chargé of the Argentine legation here, has received a telegram from Buenos Ayres announcing the opening of the Argentine congress. President Roosevelt's message was a year of prosper.

Strikers Compromise.

Boston, May 4.—The strike of the brewery engineers has been declared off. A compromise agreement has been reached, and the engineers will work eight hours a day, instead of ten hours, at the same wages.

New York Central Strike Ended.

Buffalo, N. Y., May 4.—The striking crew of the New York Central railroad returned to work in a body. The other roads did not adjust the differences with the car repairers, and the situation remains unchanged.

Double Tragedy in Chicago.

Chicago, May 4.—William Lantz, an iceman, shot and instantly killed his sweetheart, Babbie Edwards, and then shot himself, dying within an hour. The cause of the double tragedy is said to have been jealousy.

Cincinnati Man in Trouble.

Los Angeles, Cal., May 4.—Charles Lee, a well-known actor and lodge official here, was arrested by government officials, charged with selling bogus stamp collections. He claims to come from Cincinnati.

SHORT SPECIALS.

The porte has not replied to the American note regarding the indemnity claims.

W. C. Irwin, of Milan, was nominated for congress by the republicans of the Second Missouri district.

Thomas Hedge, of Burlington, was nominated for congress by the republicans of the First Iowa district. Berlin has put on holiday attire in anticipation of the coming of age of Crown Prince Frederick William.

The Tenth Illinois district republican congressional convention nominated Geo. W. Prince, of Galusha, for congress.

Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bratton signed the commissions of 74 postmasters to fill positions in Porto Rico.

The Twentieth Illinois district democratic convention renominated J. H. Williams, the present incumbent, for congress.

Favorable reports have been received from all parts of South Russia regarding the prospects of the coming harvest.

Lieutenant Gibson won the Kentucky Derby easily by three lengths, Florida second, Thirteenth third. Time, 2:05 1/2, the track record.

Grantsburg, Ill., on the Illinois Central railroad, was almost totally destroyed by fire. Only two business houses were left standing.

The funeral of Baron Saurma von der Aue, former German minister to the United States, took place in Berlin. The United States embassy sent a handsome wreath.

Geo. W. Clegg, the feminist candidate of the democratic party, was nominated for congress by the democrats of the First Kansas district.

THURSDAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF.

The Boer commissioners have left Rotterdam for the United States.

A touch interview in the last chance talk, on Noble mountain, in Washington, was said for \$100,000.

The Boer center near Thaba N'Chu is threatened by the British placing men in a favorable position to learn the Boers' right hand.

A fierce fight took place at Lumbana, island of Panay. A reconnoitering party of the 36th infantry was surrounded and four Americans were killed and 16 wounded.

Two hundred and twenty-five dead miners have been taken from the coal mine at Schofield, Utah, the scene of the giant powder explosion. It is thought that the death toll will reach 300. The president, in a telegram to Gov. Wells, expresses intense sorrow over the terrible calamity. Ambassador Cambon sent the president a house and presented a letter of condolence to President McKinley from President Loubet, of France.

BASEBALL.

Cincinnati, St. Louis and Brooklyn Won the Games Played Yesterday—At Boston.

Innings: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 R. H. E. Chicago... 0 10 10 0 0 0 4 10 5 Cincinnati... 0 1 3 2 0 0 0 11 14 2 Batteries—Griffith, Harvey and Donaldson; Scott and Wood. Umpire—Swardwood.

Innings: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 R. H. E. Pittsburgh... 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 2 6 5 St. Louis... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 9 11 3 Batteries—Waddell and Latimer; Jones and Criger. Umpire—Hurst.

Innings: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 R. H. E. New York... 0 0 0 0 0 1 3 0 4 8 2 Brooklyn... 0 0 3 0 1 0 2 6 8 0 Batteries—Doherty and Warner; Kennedy and Farrell. Umpire—Connolly.

How They Stand.

Clubs. Won. Lost. Pct. Philadelphia... 9 3 .750 Brooklyn... 8 4 .666 Cincinnati... 7 4 .636 St. Louis... 6 5 .545 Chicago... 5 7 .417 Pittsburgh... 5 7 .417 New York... 3 8 .273 Boston... 3 8 .273

MARKET REPORT.

Cincinnati, April 3.

Flour—Spring fancy, \$3.10@3.25; spring family, \$2.95@3.05; spring patent, \$3.50@3.55; winter family, \$3.15@3.20; winter patent, \$3.50@3.55; winter patent, \$3.50@3.55; extra, \$2.95@3.00; low grade, \$1.75@1.80; northwest rye, \$2.85@3.10; do city, \$2.80@3.10.

Grain—Wheat: No. 2 red quotable nominally at 74c on track. Corn: No. 2 mixed quotable at 43 1/2c on track. Sales of No. 2 yellow, \$1.05@1.10; Oats: Sales of No. 2 mixed, track, at 26c.

LIVE STOCK—Hogs: Select shippers, \$5.25; select butchers, \$5.25@5.35; fair to good packers, \$5.10@5.20; fair to good light, \$4.85@5.00; common and roughs, \$4.25@4.50; butties fair to good shippers, \$4.60@4.75; fair to good butchers, \$4.60@4.75; fair to medium butchers, \$4.40@4.50; common, \$3.25@3.40. Sheep: Extras, \$4.50@4.65; good to choice, \$4.15@4.40; common to fair, \$3.25@3.40. Lambs: \$6.10@6.25; good to choice, \$5.75@6.00; common to fair, \$4.50@5.65. Veal: Calves, \$4.75@5.00; fair to good, \$4.50@4.75; common and large, \$4.00@4.25.

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